

Financial Structure to Be Discussed by PCL Officials

San Francisco —(U.P.)—The Pacific Coast League has announced that it will hold a special meeting Monday to discuss the shaky financial structure of some of its clubs and also confer on a schedule for next year.

The Sacramento Solons and San Francisco Seals are in financial difficulties while C. L. (Brick) Laws, president of the Oakland Oaks, is reported ready to move his club either to Vancouver or Salt Lake City at the end of the season.

BY HAL WOOD

San Francisco —(U.P.)—If the Pacific Coast League is going to survive as such, it will have to take a hint from the majors and do a bit of franchise shifting before the 1956 season.

It must be obvious to the most biased club owner by now that San Francisco and Los Angeles areas will not support minor league baseball as it should be.

When the majors found that Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston could not or would not support two ball clubs, they stretched out to Milwaukee, Baltimore and Kansas City for franchises.

There is nothing to stop the PCL from doing the same thing. Nine Possible Cities

There are nine cities within playing distance of the PCL that would support baseball better than San Francisco and Oakland are doing this year. It is possible that after a few years in the new city with a poor team, the attendance would slack off, but for a few seasons at least, these cities would inject new life into the turnstiles.

Take a look at the population in these cities—not within the city limits, but in the so-called "trade area."

Vancouver, B. C., has a trade area of 498,000; Long Beach, Calif., 285,000; Phoenix, Ariz., 266,000; Honolulu, 248,000; Salt Lake City, 252,000; Spokane, Wash., 190,000; Tacoma, Wash., 190,000; San Jose, Calif., 161,000; and Fresno Calif., 156,000.

The die-hards will claim that these areas are much smaller than the San Francisco and Los Angeles sections—thus will not support the PCL as well.

That doesn't hold true at all. Milwaukee drew only fair in the American Association—and the blame was placed on the proximity to big league baseball at Chicago. So the Boston Braves moved from a trade area of 2,100,000 to Milwaukee with a trade area of 866,000 and set a National League attendance record.

Athletics Draw

The Philadelphia Athletics were in a trade area of 2,324,000 and moved to Kansas City, which has a trade area of 750,000—and the club, an also-ran in the American League, drew bigger crowds in the first few weeks of home play than the Athletics did in Philadelphia in a full season.

There is good reason to believe, along the same line, that a PCL franchise in Phoenix would more than double the less than 200,000 that will attend games in San Francisco this year. Or that Vancouver would draw at least 350,000 compared with 180,000 or less that will see

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San Jose, in the fastest growing county in the nation, might be a good spot for either the San Francisco or Oakland club—and the weather there is perfect for baseball, in contrast to the cold and fog in the Bay area.

Phoenix might be a bonanza for the Hollywood club, which will find itself without a ball park in the near future.

Honolulu presents a communit-

NY Loss, Indian Win Tightens League Race

AMERICAN LEAGUE	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	60	39	.606	—
New York	61	40	.604	—
Cleveland	58	43	.574	3
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Kansas City	35	65	.350	25 1/2
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By UNITED PRESS

Southpaw Herb Score, one of the American league's top rookies, pitched a one-hit, 7-0 shut-out over the Baltimore Orioles Saturday to move the Cleveland Indians into a flat-footed tie with the New York Yankees for second place — only two percentage points back of the Chicago White Sox.

The Yankees missed a chance to regain first place when they dropped a 12-2 decision to the Kansas City Athletics while the Washington Senators edged the White Sox, 1-0.

The fifth-place Detroit Tigers also picked up ground in the fast-tightening American league race by downing fourth-place Boston, 5-2, and now rest only 5 1/2 games back of Chicago.

Jim Dyck ruined Score's bid for a no-hitter with a fourth-inning single that just eluded the outstretched glove of Cleveland shortstop George Strickland. The Indians' fast-balling youngster walked six Orioles and struck out 10 to bring his league-leading total to 164.

Strickland, Vic Wertz and Gene Woodling led Cleveland's 13-hit attack on three Baltimore pitchers. Strickland drove in four runs with a triple and a single. Woodling had two doubles and a single, and Wertz hit a two-run homer.

Yankees Give Up 17 Hits

Kansas City, meanwhile, pounded out 17 hits in whipping the Yankees. Elmer Valo was the hero of this game with a homer and three doubles, while Big Arnold Portocarrero stopped the Yankees with six hits. Johnny Kucks, the first of three New York pitchers, was charged with the loss.

Eddie Yost's fourth inning double knocked in Roy Sievers

Northwestern Pacific Freight Cars Derailed

Eureka, Calif. —(U.P.)—Traffic was stopped on the northern section of the Northwestern Pacific railroad for several hours Saturday when five cars of a freight train were derailed south of Fields Landing, about 10 miles south of here.

The derailment occurred about 10:30 p.m. Friday when the brake rigging on one car fell and caught in a switch frog as the train was leaving Fields Landing.

TO COACH AT MIT

Cambridge, Mass. —(U.P.)—Paul Ronty, former New York Rangers center, has resigned from the Montreal Canadiens to take a job as assistant coach of hockey at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Ronty was traded from New York to Montreal last Feb. 20.

AIR FORCE GOLFERS VIE

Washington —(U.P.)—Approximately 100 Air Force golfers, ranging in rank from private to major general, will compete for the Air Force Global Golf Championship, Aug. 2-6. They will compete in two divisions, open and senior, with the senior division made up of men over 45.

TRACK COACH PICKED

Lawrence, Kan. —(U.P.)—Jack Warner, former Syracuse distance runner, has been named assistant track and field coach at the University of Kansas. Warner, 26, was a two-mile champion in 1949, 1950 and 1951.

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ing problem, but it is only about the same distance from San Francisco to the islands as it is from San Diego to Vancouver, B. C.

At one time, Spokane, Wash., was one of the best minor league towns in the country; and Salt Lake City annually draws at the gate nearly as well as most PCL cities—offering only the Class C ball of the Pioneer league.

with the only run as the Senators downed the White Sox and handed hard-luck Billy Pierce his fourth 1-0 defeat of the season. Pierce gave up only five hits, while Bob Porterfield pitched seven-hit ball for the Senators.

The Tigers remained very much in the race by totaling 11 hits off three Boston pitchers. Ray Boone drove in three runs with a triple and a double to help rookie Babe Birrer to his third victory of the season. Birrer gave up 10 hits, including Ted Williams' 18th homer.

In the National league's best game, right-hander Bob Miller pitched nine innings of shutout relief ball as the Phillies downed the Cubs, 3-0. Curt Simmons was forced to leave the game with a stiff shoulder after giving up a lead-off single to Dee Fondy. Miller then entered the scene and limited the Cubs to seven singles the rest of the way. Del Ennis struck the winning blow, a two-run homer in the first inning.

The Redlegs downed the Pirates, 5-2, behind the five-hit pitching of Jackie Collum and Ted Kluszewski's 34th homer, while Chet Nichols of the Braves turned in a six-hit, 5-3 victory over the world champion Giants.

Johnny Podres and Rookie Don Bessent collaborated on a seven hit shutout in the only night game as the league-leading Brooklyn Dodgers downed the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-0, before 30,638 fans, the largest crowd of the season in Busch stadium.

Podres wilted in the seventh, more from the excessive heat than the Cardinal batters, and Bessent mopped up to preserve Podres' eighth victory against six losses. Don Zimmer hit a homer in the sixth with the bases empty.

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SPORTS

New Record In 3-Mile By Chataway

London —(U.P.)—Chris Chataway set a new world record of 13 minutes, 23.2 seconds for the three-mile run Saturday in a Britain versus Germany track and field meet at White City stadium.

Chataway bettered the previous record of 13:26.4 set by Russia's Vladimir Kuts, in Prague last Oct. 23.

Chataway easily won the four-man event.

Runner Falls

In the final yards, Britain's new three-mile discovery, Derek Ibbotson, looking exhausted after a great run behind the copper-haired Chataway, stumbled and fell.

Urged on by the crowd, Ibbotson dragged himself to his feet and staggered to the finish to claim second place.

His time of 13:42.2 was 19 seconds slower than Chataway's new world mark.

Ibbotson's rally was just in time, for Germany's Herbert Schade was coming up fast, finishing third in 13:44.8. W. Konrad, Germany, was fourth, well behind, in 14:8.

105 Enter RVCC Golf Tournament

Rogue Valley Country club's annual Southern Oregon Golf tournament is still a month away but already 105 entries have been filed for the classic which is scheduled over the Labor day holiday week end.

Tourney officials reported 80 men, mostly from out of town, and 25 women from outside the club have entries in to date.

Heavy men's entry is prompted by the early filing deadline set by this year's limit of the field to 192. However, there has been no limit set on the number of women entrants and the field now totals half the usual number of participants.

Deadline Aug. 27

The 1955 tournament is slated for September 1 through 5. Deadline for both men and women to enter is August 27. This time will be extended for men only if the 192 figure has not been reached.

Championship flight in the men's rivalry will start out with 64 linksmen. Eight other flights will have 16 contestants each. Women will vie in flights of 16.

Dom Provost Jr., and Sue DeVoe are defending champions. Sue carries the Rogue Valley banner. Provost was an RVCC player last year and now plays out of Columbia-Edgewater, Portland.

Bob Lockwood and George Schuler are tourney co-chairmen.

CANNADY RELEASED

Ocean, N. Y. —(U.P.)—Veteran John Cannady, a standout New York Giants' lineman for eight seasons, apparently reached the end of his professional football career Saturday when he was released by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Cannady, who came to Pittsburgh after being released by the Giants at the end of the 1954 campaign, was cut from the squad along with Jim Speranza, a guard from Weirton, W. Va., Friday. The Steelers now are down to 54 men.

IBC Hits Snag In Lining Up Bobo Title Bout

New York —(U.P.)—The International Boxing Club, which is trying to line up a Carl (Bobo) Olson-Ray Robinson middle-weight title bout in November, ran into a snag yesterday when the club said it was unable to "come to terms with Robinson," the former champion. The proposed bout is expected to be held in Chicago on Nov. 4.

Baltimore, Md. —(U.P.)—Sugar Ray Robinson has been offered \$15,000 by local boxing promoter Benny Trotta to meet Washington middleweight Holly Mims at Memorial stadium in Baltimore in late September. Mims is currently ranked second and Robinson third.

To Require Disabled List Proof

New York —(U.P.)—From now on, Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick will require positive medical proof from any club which desires to put a player on the disabled list.

Frick issued a directive to that effect Friday after certain clubs protested that other clubs had placed seldom-used players on the disabled list in order to add players who would be of greater value.

Frick did not single out any club but he did confer with Manager Paul Richards of the Baltimore Orioles Thursday and the commissioner said "curious" about disabled players and bonus players.

The Orioles, Dodgers, Indians and White Sox all placed bonus players on the disabled list within the last few months.

Portland —(U.P.)—The Eugene Emeralds of the Northwest League walloped the House of David baseball team, 10-0, here Friday night in an exhibition game.

Sunday, July 31, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN



RV CLUB CHAMP — George Harrington, above, is the new club champion among golfers of Rogue Valley Country club. He defeated Bob Rasmussen in Thursday and Friday finals for the title. Margin was 11 and 9.

Harrington closed out the match with a 20-foot putt for a birdie three on No. 9 green Friday. He was six under par for the match with a 69 for the Thursday 18 and a 34 for the Friday nine. Rasmussen was five over the standard. He had a 75 on Thursday and a 39 in the Friday action.

BOWLING

Medford Bowling lanes is host this evening for a party celebrating its first anniversary at its present location on Riverside ave.

Four bowling tournaments are planned and the party will last from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be mixed doubles and singles rivalry for league bowlers or for those with established averages. Red headpin singles and low ball singles are scheduled for non-league or casual bowlers or those without established averages.

The Bowling lanes has the come early and stay late invitation out to all bowlers and people interested in the sport. All money collected in the way of entry fees will go into the prize fund. There will be free coffee, candy, soda pop and ice cream.

PAL Club To Open Monday For 2nd Year of Operation

Chief of Police Charles Champlin, president of the Medford Police Athletic League, announced today that the second annual opening of the PAL club will take place Monday evening, August 1.

Again this year the PAL club will operate from the large room above Acme hardware at 3 West Sixth st. Doors will be open from 7 to 10:30 p.m. each day from now until next spring.

Coaching the boys this year will be Hugh Jennings, Jim Zack and John Lewis. Local law enforcement officers and interested citizens also will be at the club every night to help the boys in boxing and other events and activities.

Membership in the club is without charge to any boy wishing to join. Only boys 10 years or older are eligible to take part in boxing instructions and events.

COLT END BEDS

Westminster, Md. —(U.P.)—Jim Mutscheller, an end from Beaver Falls, Pa., who captained the Notre Dame football team in 1952, is making a determined bid to win a starting offensive job with the Baltimore Colts. Mutscheller, who spent the past two seasons in the Marine Corps, sparkled in a passing drill Friday and made several outstanding catches.

Baseball

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Coast League
Oakland 3, Los Angeles 2 (10 innings)
Sacramento 3, Seattle 2 (13 innings)
San Francisco 6, Hollywood 3 (Only games scheduled).

American League
Chicago 5, Washington 2 (night)
Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 1 (night)
New York 3, Kansas City 2 (night)
Boston 5, Detroit 0 (night)

National League
Philadelphia 6, Chicago 4
Brooklyn 5, St. Louis 1 (night)
Milwaukee 5, New York 2 (night)
Cincinnati 16, Pittsburgh 5 (night)

Northwest League
Spokane 20, Yakima 9
Wenatchee 11, Lewiston 6
Tri-City 6, Salem 2

SUNDAY'S GAMES

American League
Chicago at Washington (2 games)
Kansas City at New York (2 games)
Detroit at Boston (2 games)
Cleveland at Baltimore (2 games)

National League
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (2 games)
Philadelphia at Chicago (2 games)
New York at Milwaukee
Brooklyn at St. Louis.

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